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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

REFS: (A) BONN 7323; (B) BONN 6943

1. AT ITS MAY 7 MEETING, THE FRG CABINET APPROVED IN
PRINCIPLE FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER'S RECOMMENDATION
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THAT THE FRG ACCEPT VIETNAMESE REFUGEES. AS INDICATED

IN REFTTEL (A), THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL NOW HAVE TO APPROACH THE AUTHORITIES IN THE STATES (LAENDER), WHICH HAVE ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS TO STAY. THE FONOFF REPS WHO BRIEFED US ON THE CABINET DECISION THOUGHT THAT THIS WOULD BE DONE WITH DESPATCH AND ANTICIPATED NO TROUBLE IN OBTAINING AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE FROM THE STATES. OUR SOURCES ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE STATES AUTHORITIES ARE NOT LIKELY TO ISSUE "BLANK CHECKS" EITHER AS TO NUMBERS OR CATEGORIES OF REFUGEES, SO THAT IT IS IMPORTANT NOW FOR THE FRG TO BEGIN ESTABLISHING WHO ARE THE MOST LIKELY CANDIDATES FOR SETTLEMENT HERE. THE FRG SPOKESMAN, IN A MAY 7 STATEMENT ON THE CABINET DECISION, SAID THAT CONTACT HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED WITH UNHCR FOR THIS PURPOSE. FONOFF REPS SAID IT WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL TO HAVE US GOVERNMENT VIEWS ON HOW COUNTRIES LIKE THE FRG CAN BEST CARRY OUT THEIR SELECTION PROCESS. FRG WILL OF COURSE INCLINE MOST TOWARD THOSE WHO HAVE SOME WELL-GROUNDED REASONS FOR WANTING TO COME HERE -- RELATIVES ALREADY IN THE FRG, PAST ASSOCIATION WITH GERMANY, ABILITY TO SPEAK GERMAN, ETC. FRG NATURALLY WANTS TO AVOID INSOFAR AS POSSIBLE ACCEPTING PEOPLE WHO WILL BECOME "SOCIAL CASES" -- I.E. UNABLE TO SUPPORT THEMSELVES.

2. WITH REGARD TO SELECTION, EMBOFF INQUIRED WHETHER THE FRG WAS CONSIDERING SENDING REPRESENTATIVES TO GUAM OR TO REFUGEE CAMPS IN THE US. IN ORDER TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER AT FIRST HAND. EMBOFF STRESSED THAT WE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS TO URGE THIS COURSE OF ACTION ON FRG. FONOFF REPS GAVE UNCERTAIN REPLY AND MADE CLEAR THAT THEY HAD NOT YET GIVEN MUCH THOUGHT TO THIS POSSIBILITY.

3. WE WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION THE DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE WHICH WOULD HELP THE GERMANS TO BEGIN TO COME TO GRIPS WITH THE PROBLEM OF SELECTION. IF DEPT FEELS THEY ARE WRONG TO RELY TOO MUCH ON UNHCR FOR THIS PURPOSE (WE HAVE NOTED PUBLIC US CRITICISM OF THE ROLE SO FAR PLAYED BY UNHCR) PLEASE ADVISE AND SUGGEST ALTERNATIVES. ASSUME THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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AT SOME POINT LISTS OF REFUGEES BY SEX, AGE, TRAINING/PROFESSION, ETC. WILL BECOME AVAILABLE. THESE WOULD, OF COURSE, BE OF GREAT VALUE.
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